



Exercise 2.7

Scenery and Trails



Many amenities can be enjoyed in the interface without any land management activities taking place. However, natural resource professionals should know that amenities such as trails and scenery can be enhanced and increased through active land management, including timber harvests. This exercise can be linked with **Fact Sheet 2.8: Practicing Visible Stewardship** and **Exercise 2.10: Cues-to-Care**.

Objective: Participants will be able understand how to develop vegetative management plans that increase scenery and trail resources in interface forests.

Materials:

Fact Sheet 2.4: Amenity Resources

Presentation 2.2

Flip charts or chalkboard

Time: 15 minutes after introducing the topic

1. Distribute **Fact Sheet 2.4: Amenity Resources**. You may want to review some concepts using **Presentation 2.2**. Explain that vegetative management practices can be used to increase scenic value and recreational opportunities in the interface.
2. Ask participants to identify timber and other vegetation management actions that can increase scenery and trail amenities. Specific questions to motivate discussion are listed here but can also be posted visually from the presentation slide, an overhead, or written on a flip chart.
 - Which suggested aesthetic timber harvesting techniques are most feasible? Why? (e.g., opening vistas? leaving character trees? opening up stands?)
 - Which techniques are least feasible? Why?
 - Which techniques are least costly? Why?
 - In addition to laying out skid trails and logging roads with a future trail system in mind, what other work is needed to finish a trail system?
 - What other techniques exist to increase scenery and trails in the wildland-urban interface?

Summary

This discussion is meant to engage your participants in a new way of thinking about the value and usefulness of timber management in the interface. Timber management can be used to accomplish a variety of other objectives.